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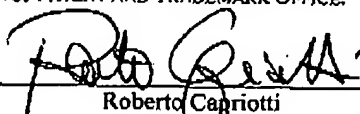
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, with the three month shortened statutory period for response under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) set to expire on December 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This response is timely filed within two-months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

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